

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are all the claims pending in the application. In the March 26, 2004 Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 6 and 8-11 contain allowable subject matter, while claims 1-5 and 7 remain rejection, and newly proposed claims 12-17 were not entered. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled rejected claims 1-5 and 7, without prejudice or disclaimer, to place the Application in condition for allowance.

On May 24, 2004, the undersigned contacted the Examiner regarding newly proposed claims 12-17 (claims 12-17 are exactly the same as previously submitted in the March 24, 2004 Amendment). Since such claims are dependent upon allowed subject matter, the Examiner indicated that claims 12-17 would most likely be entered. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter claims 12-17.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any

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Respectfully submitted,

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